

skin of the *mamey de cartagena* exudes a resinous, gummy juice which is much used for killing chigoes and lice when applied locally. Animals suffering with mange and sheep ticks are cured by washing in a decoction made by boiling the seed in water; if, however, ulcers are present, it should not be employed - a case is known of a dog suffering from mange and ulcers, but otherwise healthy, that died in two days after having been bathed twice in the solution. Used in the form of a cerate, it kills many varieties of insects. An infusion of the fresh or dry leaves, (one handful to a pint of water, in cupful doses) given during the intervals of fever, has repeatedly cured intermittents and remittents which did not yield to the quinine salts. The treatment should be continued for several days. A yellow, violet-scented liquor is made from the fruit and flowers, and is a very delicious beverage. The fruit eaten green or ripe, or in preserves, possesses beneficial stomachic qualities." (Goding.)

Pistacia chinensis (Anacardiaceae), 47362. **Chinese pistache.** From Peking, China. Seeds presented by Mr. Han, assistant director of the Chinese Forestry Bureau, through Mr. Paul S. Reinsch, American Minister at Peking. "The pistache tree is a fairly rapid grower. Its wood is good, durable, and much valued in making household furniture and agricultural implements. Its shoots are edible, and oil is extracted from its seeds. It is found in the central parts of China, especially along the northern side of the Yangtze valley. It is of great economic value." (Han.)

Phyllostachys pubescens (Poaceae), 47370. **Bamboo.** From Anderson, S. C. Rhizomes purchased from Mr. Rufus Fant. "Mr. Fant's account of this clump [from which these rhizomes were taken] is that about twenty years ago he saw the Giant Japanese Bamboo advertised in a florists' paper by H. H. Berger of San Francisco. He sent the money and bought a plant or rather a piece of rhizome; it died. He sent again and got a pot-grown plant; he was afraid that this was not hardy, so kept it potted for about five years, until it outgrew the pot, and then planted it out of doors where it now stands. In 1912 he formed the idea of starting a grove along a little stream which runs through Silver Brook Cemetery, not far from his house. So he took up a clump of bamboo in February and planted it there,-